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NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

Ottawa, Canada
19 June 1964

The Honourable, the Minister of Public Works,
Ottawa, Ontario.

Dear Mr. Minister:

On behalf of the National Capital Commission, and in accordance with section 85(3) of the Financial Administration Act, I have the honour to submit herewith Part I of the Annual Report of the National Capital Commission for the fiscal year ended 31 March 1964.

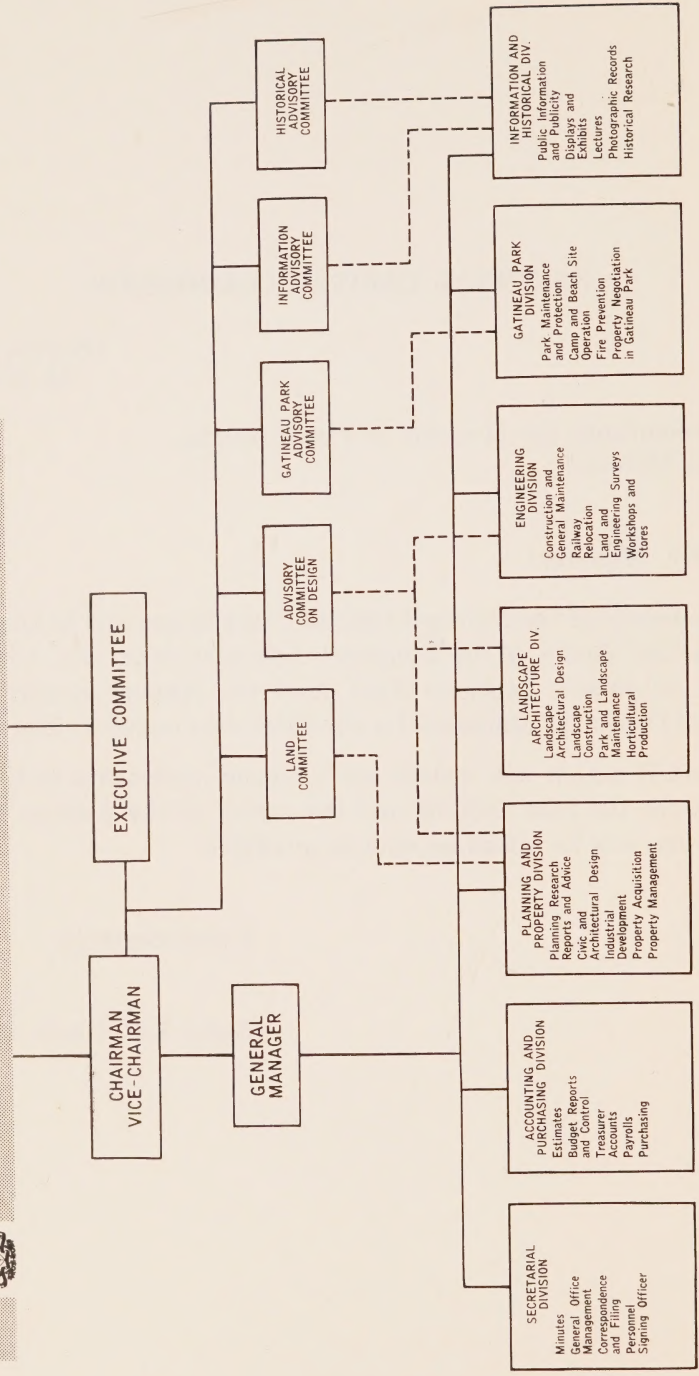
Part II which will include the financial statements of the Commission for the year 1963-64 and the report of the Auditor General of Canada, will be tabled as soon as available.

Yours sincerely,

(Sgd.) S.F. Clark, Lt. Gen.



NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION



ORGANIZATION CHART
NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

MINISTER RESPONSIBLE

The Honourable the Minister of Public Works

CHAIRMAN

Lt. Gen. S.F. Clark, CBE, CD, B.Sc. (E.E.), B.Sc. (M.E.),
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Professor Anthony Adamson, M.A., F.R.A.I.C., M.T.P.I.C.,
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J. Eugène Bissonnette, M.D.	Quebec City, Quebec
Louis M. Bloomfield, Q.C., B.A., LL.M, LL.D.	Montreal, Quebec
A.E. "Lon" Campbell	Ottawa, Ontario
R.D. Chénier	Rockcliffe, Ontario
Hans Geggie, B.A., M.D., C.M., D.A.	Wakefield, Quebec
* Aimé Guertin	Hull, Quebec
Mrs. Henry F. Gyles, B.A.	Winnipeg, Manitoba
John Leonard Haw, B.Sc.	Calgary, Alberta
J.C. Horwitz, Q.C., B.A., LL.B.	Ottawa, Ontario
Charles H. Hulse	Ottawa, Ontario
F.F. Kemp, D.D.S.	Richmond, Ontario
* Mrs. R.H. MacLeod	New Glasgow, NS.
Frank Martin, B.Sc., FRAIC, P.Eng.	Saskatoon, Sask.
Miss S. Clyde McLellan	Saint John, N.B.
* Mrs. James P. Norrie	Truro, N.S.
Richard Parkinson, Mayor of Kelowna	Kelowna, B.C.
Mrs. Robert E. Sutherland	Charlottetown, P.E.I.
Walter Tucker, MBE, CD, RIA, Mayor of Grand Falls	Grand Falls, Nfld.

** retired on 5 February 1964

** appointment effective 6 February 1964

The following members having completed two consecutive terms of office with the Commission, retired on 5 February 1964. Sub-section 5 of Section 3 of the National Capital Act provides that members of the Commission are not eligible for re-appointment after completion of two consecutive terms.

Aimé GuertinHull, P.Q.
Mrs. R. H. MacLeodNew Glasgow, N.S.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE (five members)

Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark, Chairman
Professor Anthony Adamson, Vice-Chairman
Louis M. Bloomfield, Q.C. (effective 6 February 1964)
Aimé Guertin (until 5 February 1964)
J. C. Horwitz, Q.C.
(one vacancy)

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

LAND COMMITTEE (six members)

Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark, Chairman (ex officio)
Alan K. Hay
Major General Howard Kennedy
M. M. Maclean
J. N. Morin
P. S. Secord (effective 10 March 1964)

ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON DESIGN (ten members)

Professor Anthony Adamson, Chairman
Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark (ex officio)
Guy Desbarats
Jean Gareau (effective 6 February 1964)
Macklin L. Hancock (effective 6 February 1964)
Dr. Thomas Howarth (effective 6 February 1964)
Jean Issalys
Jean-Louis Lalonde (effective 6 February 1964)
Ian MacLennan
Hart Massey
J. W. Strutt
Professor Harold Spence-Sales (until 5 February 1964)
Edouard Fiset (until 5 February 1964)
J. Austin Floyd (until 5 February 1964)

INFORMATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE (nine members)

J. C. Horwitz, Q.C., Chairman
R. D. Chénier, Vice-Chairman
Miss S. Clyde McLellan
Aimé Guertin (until 5 February 1964)
Mrs. H.F. Gyles
Louis M. Bloomfield, Q.C.
C. H. Hulse
Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark (ex officio)
Professor Anthony Adamson (ex officio)
(one vacancy)

HISTORICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (twenty members)

Professor Anthony Adamson, Chairman
Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark (ex officio)
J. E. Bissonnette, M.D.
Louis M. Bloomfield, Q.C.
R. D. Chénier
Mrs. F. R. Crawley
Egide Dandenault
David Farr (effective 6 February 1964)
W. E. Fancott
Rev. Father Maurice Gobeil
W. E. D. Halliday
Dr. R. H. Hubbard
Dr. W. K. Lamb
Marc LaTerreur (effective 6 February 1964)
R. F. Leggett
M. M. Maclean
Eric W. Morse
Augustin Potvin
A. J. H. Richardson
D. Ritchie
Dr. Bertram McKay, President of the Ottawa Historical Society

GATINEAU PARK ADVISORY COMMITTEE (five members)

Aimé Guertin (Chairman until 5 February 1964)
G. E. Beament, Q.C.
Hans Geggie, M.D.
F. F. Kemp, D.D.S.
A. E. "Lon" Campbell
Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark (ex officio)

NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION

Constitution

The National Capital Commission is a Crown Corporation established under the National Capital Act — an Act respecting the Development and Improvement of the National Capital Region — 7 Elizabeth II, Chapter 37 — assented to 6 September 1958, and proclaimed on 6 February 1959. The National Capital Commission succeeded the Ottawa Improvement Commission (1899 - 1927) and the Federal District Commission (1927 - 1959).

Composition of the Commission

The Commission consists of twenty members appointed by the Governor-in-Council. Its membership comprises a member from each of the ten provinces; at least two members from the City of Ottawa; at least one member from the City of Hull; and at least one member from a local municipality in Ontario and Quebec respectively, other than the Cities of Ottawa and Hull. Commissioners hold office during pleasure for not more than two consecutive terms, each term not to exceed four years. The Commission must meet at least three times a year in Ottawa.

The Chairman is the chief executive officer of the Commission. The Commission is also served by a General Manager who is assisted by seven senior officials. The Commission employs a staff varying between 500 and 750 depending on the season. The staff includes professional engineers, architects, city and regional planners, landscape architects and surveyors as well as employees possessing allied technical skills. The salaried staff numbers about 120 while the balance are paid at hourly wage rates.

Changes in Membership of N.C.C.

In recording the following changes in the membership of the Commission during the period under review, the Commission takes this opportunity to express sincere appreciation for the valuable services rendered by the following two members who retired from the Commission on 5 February 1964, after completing two consecutive terms.

Mrs. R. H. MacLeod of New Glasgow, N.S.,
member from the Province of Nova Scotia; and

Mr. Aimé Guertin of Hull, P.Q.,
member from the City of Hull, P.Q.

each of whom had served continuously since the establishment of the Commission on 6 February 1959.

Mr. Aimé
Guertin

During his terms of office, Mr. Guertin served as a member of the Executive Committee of the Commission; as Chairman of the Gatineau Park Advisory Committee for the period 14 May 1962 until the date of his retirement, and was also a member of the Information Advisory Committee from 1959 to 1964.

Mrs. James
P. Norrie

On 13 February 1964, the Governor-in-Council was pleased to appoint Mrs. James P. (Margaret F.) Norrie of Truro, N.S. as a member of the Commission for a term of four years, expiring on 5 February 1968.

Objects,
purposes
and powers
of the
Commission

The objects and purposes of the Commission under the Act are "to prepare plans for and assist in the development, conservation and improvement of the National Capital Region in order that the nature and character of the seat of the Government of Canada may be in accordance with its national significance". One of the responsibilities of the Commission is to co-ordinate the development of public lands in the National Capital Region. The Region comprises an area of 1800 square miles and includes 62 local governmental authorities in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec.

The Commission has wide powers including the acquisition and development of property; construction and maintenance of parks, roads, railways, bridges, buildings and other works; the right to undertake joint projects with municipalities or make grants to municipalities; construct and operate concessions, and administer historic buildings. The Commission must give its approval before buildings or other works are erected, altered or extended by government departments in the National Capital Region.

The Committees

Executive
Committee

The Executive Committee consists of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman of the Commission, and three other members appointed by the Commission, of whom one must be from the Province of Quebec. This committee meets about once each month to exercise the powers and functions delegated to it by the Commission, including the authorization of the acquisition of real property or an interest therein.

Land
Committee

The Land Committee, consisting of six members, is headed by the Chairman of the Commission, Lt. Gen. S. F. Clark, and comprises experts in matters of

property evaluation. The function of this committee which meets about once a month, is to advise the Commission in matters of land acquisition, and to recommend policy for the administration of the many properties which the Commission controls.

**Advisory
Committee
on Design**

The Advisory Committee on Design has ten members headed by the Vice-Chairman, Professor Anthony Adamson, Associate Professor of Town Planning at the School of Architecture, University of Toronto. It is composed of prominent Canadian architects, planners and landscape architects. Its function is to advise the Commission on the external appearance of proposed government buildings and other buildings facing government properties, and on building location, site plan and landscape design. This Committee meets approximately twelve times a year.

**Information
Advisory
Committee**

The Information Advisory Committee consists of nine members and meets approximately three times a year. Its chairman is Mr. J.C. Horwitz, Q.C. of Ottawa. The Information Advisory Committee considers all matters pertaining to the information and public relations aspects of the Commission and makes appropriate recommendations.

**Historical
Advisory
Committee**

The Historical Advisory Committee which consists of twenty members is headed by the Vice-Chairman of the Commission. It is composed of experts in the local history of the National Capital Region and is responsible for recommendations to the Commission concerning the marking, preservation and interpretation of buildings and sites of historical interest in the National Capital Region. This Committee meets approximately three times a year.

**Gatineau Park
Advisory
Committee**

The Gatineau Park Advisory Committee composed of five members was headed by Mr. Aimé Guertin, a member of the Executive Committee, of Hull, P.Q. until the date of his retirement from the Commission on 5 February 1964. This Committee advises on the development and improvement of Gatineau Park, and meets approximately four times a year.

REVIEW OF ACTIVITIES OF THE NATIONAL CAPITAL COMMISSION FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 1963-64

**National Capital
Commission
Meetings**

The Commission held three meetings during the fiscal year 1963-64. It records with gratitude the amount of work accomplished by the Executive Com-

mittee, the Land Committee, the Advisory Committee on Design, the Information Advisory Committee, the Historical Advisory Committee and the Gatineau Park Advisory Committee. In addition to carrying out its normal functions under the National Capital Act, the Commission is pleased to report that marked progress has been made toward the implementation of several phases of the National Capital Plan.

In October, 1963, a Memorandum of Understanding on Railway Relocation Plan in Ottawa area was signed by the National Capital Commission, Canadian Pacific Railway Company and Canadian National Railway Company. On 31 January 1964, an Agreement on the relocation of railway lines in the Ottawa area was signed by the National Capital Commission and Canadian National Railway Company. This will enable the National Capital Commission to complete the Railway Relocation Plan in Ottawa, including the removal of the Union Station, and will make it possible for the Commission to undertake the redevelopment of the present Union Station site along the general lines of the development plan prepared for the Commission by John B. Parkin and Associates. Details of this and of other projects which involve planning, engineering construction, acquisition of property, landscape development and Gatineau Park are contained in this report.

Relations
with
Municipalities

There has been close liaison between the various municipalities located within the National Capital Region and the Commission, on both policy and technical levels with generally mutually beneficial results.

PLANNING

1963 was an important year for the planning activities of the Commission. During the year some projects were completed, some continued, and others commenced. Progress continued in the development of the plan for the National Capital with the completion of a proposal for the development of Confederation Square. This plan by John B. Parkin Associates of Toronto has been approved in principle and the necessary steps are being taken towards its implementation. It will provide sites for government buildings and an important opportunity for private development. A site for the National Centre for the Performing Arts has been established in Confederation Square on the west side of the canal and its design will be integrated into the general development plan.

The LeBreton Flats area west of Parliament Hill was under study this year and when completed, will provide sites for Government and private use.

An Economic Prospects Report for the National Capital Region has been completed by Larry Smith and Company of Toronto which will be used extensively by the Commission in future planning as well as in the Ottawa-Hull Transportation Study. In this report detailed land use and population projections have been prepared for the Region.

Sites for recreation areas, Government, historic, reforestation and conservation projects have continued to be developed in the Greenbelt. This past year the Commission leased approximately 70 acres of land in the western portion of the Greenbelt to the Northern Electric Company Limited of Canada for development as a "Project Research Centre". The consolidation of small farms into larger more efficient units has continued with success in the Greenbelt.

Advice to Municipalities

The Commission has continued to act in an advisory capacity to several municipalities in the National Capital Region.

CITY OF HULL: In its role as adviser the Commission, through representation on the Hull General Planning Committee and its sub-committees, was actively engaged in the preparation of a Master Plan for the greater Hull area and an Urban Renewal Study for the City of Hull. Reports on both these studies were completed and published. The Master Plan encompassed an area consisting of the City of Hull, the municipalities of Hull South and Hull West, the Town of Aylmer, and the Village of Deschênes.

CITY OF OTTAWA: The Commission has continued to have representation on the Ottawa Planning Area Board, the Building Appearance Committee, and the City and County Technical Advisory Committees to the Ottawa Planning Area Board. Representation was also provided on the Joint Staff Committee for an Urban Renewal Study.

TOWNSHIP OF GLOUCESTER: Representatives of the Commission advised the Township Planning Board on the preparation of a zoning by-law for Blackburn hamlet. In addition, work has continued on the draft Official Plan for that part of the township which is bounded by the City of Ottawa, the inner limit of the Greenbelt, and the Ottawa River, and for the Orleans area. Studies are being undertaken for the south-west portion of the Township.

TOWN OF BUCKINGHAM: Technical advice has been given to the Town Council of Buckingham towards the preparation of a preliminary plan of roads and land use.

TEMPLETON: The Commission has approved the expenditure of \$20,000 to the East Gatineau River Planning Committee which will be used to prepare a comprehensive plan for the towns of Gatineau and Pointe Gatineau; municipalities of Templeton West, Templeton East, East Part of Templeton East; Hull East, Perkins; and the Village of Templeton.

Ottawa-Hull Transportation Study

The Commission has also continued to assist in the preparation of the Ottawa-Hull Transportation Study through representation on the Technical Coordinating Committee and through the coordination of existing and projected detailed land use and population data as prepared by the Land Use Sub-Committee.

Civic Design

During the past year design work has proceeded on the renovation of buildings of architectural and historic interest on the east side of Sussex Street from George Street to St. Patrick Street.

Design studies have been prepared for the municipalities concerned within the area covered by the greater Hull Master Plan and the Hull Urban Renewal Study. Exhibitions have been designed for the Hull Planning Commission as part of the presentation of the above reports.

Architectural service and advice have been given on the design of numerous bridges and buildings on or adjacent to Federal Government lands.

Industrial Development

The main emphasis in the industrial development programme during the past year has been two-fold. The first goal was to complete the arrangements for the Sheffield Road industrial area which is to provide accommodation for those industrial uses which fall into the heavy or noxious use category. Arrangements were completed early in the year with the City of Ottawa for the Sub-division Agreement, and the plan was registered on 25 February 1964.

The second aim was to conduct a survey of the industrial firms which are being dislocated as a result of the Commission's activities in an endeavour to determine which of them would require Commission industrial land. This survey was also pertinent to the Agreement between the Railways and the Commission.

The following firms purchased land from the Commission during the period under review:

—Langelier Plumbing and Heating Company located in the Coventry Road area.

—Gamble-Robinson Limited and Chandler and Sons Limited purchased land and constructed buildings in the Belfast Road area.

PROPERTY ACQUISITION AND ADMINISTRATION

Acquisitions

Throughout the year 1963 an active property acquisition programme resulted in 401 property settlements not all of which were ordinary fee simple acquisitions. Many of these settlements were difficult to work out because they involved settlement of lessees' interests and business disturbance.

The most active areas in which settlements took place were LeBreton Flats, the approaches to the Macdonald-Cartier Bridge, Confederation Square, Ottawa River Parkway (eastern extension), and Philemon Wright Parkway. Commercial and industrial settlements increased and a gratifying number of negotiations on older projects were brought to a satisfactory conclusion.

Some of the more important properties dealt with involved salvage companies, foundries, hotels, grocerias, restaurants, storage companies and warehousing establishments. To analyse the various claims, the Commission employed, on a fee basis, the services of chartered accountants, engineers, real estate appraisers and specialists such as hotel appraisers. The Commission expects to settle an equal number of properties in 1964.

The expropriation of 49 parcels of land for the eastern extension of the Ottawa River Parkway from Skead Road to Green Creek early in 1963, resulted in strong opposition from some of the owners whose properties front on the Ottawa River. These former owners presented a rather strong brief to the Commission in an effort to have the expropriation lifted. A thorough study of alternative routes and the costs involved was made and it was decided that the original route was the most practical from engineering and cost points of view, and that aesthetically it was the best solution. On 20 November 1963, as a result of careful reconsideration by the Commission and the Government, a letter was sent to each owner advising that the expropriation would remain in effect but that the Commission would lease the properties back to the former owners for any period up to ten years. Negotiations have continued with most of the owners who were willing to discuss settlement and 18 property settlements have been made. It is expected that in the next two or three months, 10 additional settlements will be arranged.

In order to provide land for the Macdonald-Cartier Bridge approaches in Ontario, it has been necessary to negotiate settlements with the lessees on C.P.R. land in this area, and settlement has been

reached with almost all of these lessees. The Canadian Pacific Railway Company applied to the Board of Transport Commissioners for authority to abandon the Sussex Street sub-division of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company. At the first hearing before the Board of Transport Commissioners a number of industries opposed the abandonment of the railway line.

Land Committee

The Committee recommended fee simple settlements with 378 former owners involving 3,813.96 acres of land and numerous buildings at a cost of \$15,487,539 as well as settlements of 23 lessees' interests at a cost of \$805,525 for a total of 401 settlements. The average monthly amount of settlements was approximately \$1,300,000 per month compared with \$1,000,000 in the previous year. In addition the Land Committee considered and recommended widening for 8 roads, the exchange of 6 parcels of land, the sale of 4 parcels of industrial land, 4 sites for Government use, 11 special leases to other public authorities for such things as water reservoirs, hydro substation, water purification plants, garbage disposal sites and schools. Also, it recommended the sale of 13 parcels of surplus land, the abandonment of 4 parcels and the reconveyance of one parcel to a former owner.

Administration of Property

The Commission has over 1080 rented properties and 239 vacant units to administer. Of the 239 vacant units, 135 are in the LeBreton Flats, 23 in the area of the approaches to Macdonald-Cartier Bridge in Ottawa, 6 in the bridge approach area in Hull. There are 31 marginal type buildings in the Greenbelt to be considered for demolition this year. This leaves 44 rentable units that are vacant at the present time. Current rental arrears represent 6.2% of the gross annual rentals. This is exclusive of rent charged to former owners who have received advance payments but have not paid rent. Any such rents will be recovered in part in negotiations for final settlement.

Many short term leases were arranged with former owners and their tenants to provide time to enable them to re-establish, and this added substantially to the number of leases arranged throughout the year. During the period under review, 230 buildings were demolished. Of these, 77 were in the LeBreton Flats area which is being prepared as a site for Government buildings; 96 were in the Macdonald-Cartier Bridge approach areas in Ottawa Hull; 32 were buildings in the Greenbelt which were unsuitable for habitation and the balance were along the Ottawa River Parkway, Rideau River Parkway, Sussex Drive, the Commission's industrial areas and in the northern approach to Hull.

The administration of the buildings leased by the Commission involved some 4,600 work orders for repairs and maintenance. This was an increase of some 1400 over the previous year and results mainly from the large number of properties acquired during the period. As part of the demolition programme, the Commission has co-operated with the Hull Fire Department in its training programme by demolishing some buildings by burning. This was done only where there would be a saving in the cost of demolition.

ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION

Railway Relocation

Two agreements between the National Capital Commission, Canadian Pacific Railway Company and Canadian National Railway Company covering all matters relating to the Railway Relocation Plan have now been executed.

One of the major items in the Relocation Plan is the lowering of the C.P.R. Prescott sub-division line between the Ottawa River and the Rideau River. The first phase of this project is now under way with the construction of a tunnel under Rideau Canal and Colonel By Drive and along the westerly shore of Dows Lake.

Work was started on a large addition to the Walkley Yards involving the grading and drainage of the yard area and the installation of track and switches.

Work is continuing on the construction of new track connections at Walkley, Bells Corners and Hawthorne.

Design of the new station, merchandise terminal buildings, signal and telecommunication networks is well advanced and a start should be made on construction of all these projects in 1964.

Ottawa River Parkway

The section of parkway from Parkdale Avenue to Churchill Avenue, 1.5 miles in length, was completed and opened to traffic in the autumn of 1963. A channelized intersection with traffic lights was provided at the crossing of Island Park Drive which was also rebuilt for a distance of 0.3 miles. The new parkway is designed for four lunes of traffic with a dividing median of varying width.

Grading and drainage work was continued on the section west of Churchill Avenue as far as McEwen Street. Twin pedestrian underpass structures were completed at the end of Brandon Avenue to provide safe access to the beach.

An engineering study was completed for the section of parkway easterly from Parkdale Avenue to near Oregon Street. Some half

million cubic yards of rock fill, surplus from various excavation works throughout the City, was placed to form a causeway across Nepean Bay

Western Parkway

An engineering study was completed for the section of Western Parkway from its junction with the Ottawa River Parkway southerly to Woodroffe Avenue.

The grade separation structure at the crossing of Carling Avenue and the future Parkway was completed. Costs of this structure were shared equally between the Commission and the City of Ottawa.

Gatineau Parkway

In connection with the Gatineau Correctional Camp operated by the Department of Justice, truck roads were built from the Eardley-Masham Road to Richard Lake and in the vicinity of Kidder Lake. The roadwork is on the line of the eventual extension of the Gatineau Parkway to Lac Lapêche. Surveys of the route to Lac Lapêche were completed.

Some 1½ miles of right-of-way was cleared for the Gatineau Parkway in the McKinstry Mountain Section. Trail work connecting to the Parkway was continued.

Sheffield Road

Grading and drainage was done on Sheffield Road between Innes Road and Walkley Road. A water line was installed in the road allowance. The road, which is 1½ miles in length, is required to serve the new Sheffield Road industrial area.

Riverside Drive

The reconstruction of Riverside Drive from Billings Bridge to the Smyth Road was continued as a joint project with the City of Ottawa

Shops and Stores Buildings

Work continued on the erection of a new stores building at the Albion Road.

Work was 80% completed on the erection of a garage and maintenance depot at Old Chelsea for Gatineau Park.

Other Construction

An extensive sub-surface exploration of Fontaine Park was undertaken as a first step toward possible stabilization of the park surface.

At Central Park a concrete balustrade was replaced by a wrought iron fence and sections of the walls of Patterson Creek were rebuilt.

Curbs were replaced on Linden Terrace. Modern luminaires were placed on the lighting standards along Island Park Drive, south from the Champlain Bridge. Lighting was installed along the walk between the Driveway and the Rideau Canal from Laurier Avenue to McLeod Street.

Demolitions were carried out in the LeBreton Flats area; at the approaches to the new Macdonald-Cartier Bridge and in the Greenbelt.

Maintenance of Lands

Quite extensive work continued to be done on grading, draining, brushing and cutting grass and weeds on land holdings of the Commission. This land includes those areas held for future construction of parkways and lands in the Greenbelt.

General

Engineering advice and engineering and surveying services were provided to other Divisions of the Commission as requested. Various engineering works were performed for government departments and agencies on a repayment basis.

LANDSCAPE DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Leamy Lake

An addition to the parking lot at the beach on Leamy Lake increased the accommodation to four hundred and fifty cars, and one hundred and ten new picnic tables were installed just south of the new parking area.

Extensive underbrushing and clearing were carried out in the vicinity of the roadway and considerable planting done at the entrance to and at strategic points in the park.

Ottawa River - Québec Side

The National Capital Commission property along the Ottawa River on the Hull side was extensively improved by grading, filling, planting and the clearing of vistas to the Ottawa River and the Rideau Falls.

Ottawa River Parkway

Filling and grading operations along the Ottawa River Parkway between Parkdale and Churchill were almost completed. About 30%

of the route has been seeded and the planting of trees and shrubs has started.

Queensway

The Commission has now begun to maintain the eastern section from Hurdman's Bridge east to the city limits and the western section from Maitland to the western city limits. The Commission also maintains at the expense of the City the ramps and approaches of these sections which are a City responsibility under the Queensway agreement.

The City of Ottawa joined with the Commission in sharing the cost of maintenance of the eastern section from Hurdman's Bridge east to the city limits and in the western section from Maitland to the western city limits.

Riverside Drive

Planting was completed in the section between Confederation Heights and the Civil Service Recreation Association. From there north to Neil Street the bulk of landscape construction was accomplished.

Rideau River Development

Filling, grading and seeding continued along the Rideau River between Hurdman's and Cummings bridges.

Hogs Back Park

At the request of the Department of Public Works, a security fence was erected around the lake in the old quarry.

Garden of the Provinces

The western slopes were graded, seeded and planted. Paths were constructed to complete the project.

Central Park

On each side of Bank Street the old concrete and pipe fences were demolished and replaced with a new open iron railing.

The Driveway

In the section between the Mackenzie King Bridge and Frank Street extensive alterations were made to the old plantings in order to assist police control. This was carried out in conjunction with construction of additional lighting in this section by the Engineering Division.

Maintenance

The Commission's landscape maintenance staff continued the maintenance of the extensive parkway, park land of the Commission as well as all landscaping around Federal Government buildings in the National Capital Region.

Design

The landscape design staff was called upon for designs and in some cases working drawings and specifications for landscape work at the following sites:

Tunney's Pasture Health and Welfare Building
Mines and Technical Surveys, Corktown Road
Victoria Island
Lac Philippe
Western Parkway
Department of Agriculture, Headquarters Experimental Farm
Ottawa Station
Clarke Field
C.B.C. Head Office, Confederation Heights

Department of Transport - Black Rapids bathing beach and sports development.

Wakefield Mill
Mill of Kintail
Uplands Airport

Work for other Departments and Agencies

The landscape design prepared by the Commission staff for the Computer Centre building at Tunney's Pasture was carried out by contract under the supervision of the Commission's staff.

Rough grading and planting were carried out around the Radiation Protection Laboratory at Confederation Heights.

The landscape work around the new Applied Physics Research Building for the National Research Council was ninety percent completed.

A parking area was built on Commission land leased to the Perley Hospital with the costs borne by the Hospital.

GATINEAU PARK

The development of the Gatineau Park is a major project of the National Capital Region. It comprises an area of approximately

75,000 acres in the shape of a wedge in the Province of Quebec, north west of Hull. It has long been known as the "summer and winter playground" of the National Capital Region and in recent years it has provided recreational enjoyment to an increasing number of residents of the area and tourists alike.

The total Gatineau Park land acquired by the Commission to date is over 64,000 acres. During the fiscal year under review, negotiations have continued with the Quebec provincial authorities for the acquisition of approximately 10,000 acres of Crown land located in Lac Lapêche area.

Old Chelsea

Construction was started on maintenance depot for Gatineau Park at Old Chelsea. The cost of this depot, some \$83,000, will soon be recovered because it will house the vehicles and equipment that are moved frequently from the Albion Road shops in the south part of Ottawa to Gatineau Park.

General

Between 1958 and 1963, visitors to the park each year increased from 339,548 to 1,070,775. During the same period, the number of persons camping each year increased from 2,691 to 21,290.

Grants in lieu of taxes paid to local, municipal and school authorities have increased from \$21,337.85 to \$45,853.42.

Consideration is being given to re-stocking some of the small lakes with speckled trout and some preliminary tests have already been completed by the Canadian Wild Life Service of the Department of Northern Affairs.

The Federal Training Camp, operated by the Department of Justice, continues to clear fire and walking trails throughout the north western section of the Park.

The park is administered by a Superintendent, one Clerk of Works, one Foreman and a force of ten full time park wardens and two caretakers.

PUBLIC INFORMATION AND HISTORIC SITES

The work and the plans of the National Capital Commission were made known to the public through radio, T.V. and the press as well as by means of illustrated lectures, guided tours of the Capital and environs, displays and normal public relation activities. For the thirteenth consecutive year, the Commission took part in the Rotary Club sponsored "Adventure in Citizenship" and acted as host to

Canadian High School students. The Commission awarded a \$600 scholarship to the student writing the best essay on the National Capital and its development. The 1963 winner was Mr. Jonathan Parsons, of Cookstown, Ontario.

In July about 120 members of Parliament visited a large number of the Commission projects and plans are being made to do this annually.

The second of a proposed series of seven public information booklets in English and in French dealing with Canada's National Capital was published in 1963 under the title "Statues and Monuments in Ottawa and Hull". A third publication about Gatineau Park was prepared and should be available to the public early in 1964. Other publications included reprints of a tourist pamphlet on Ottawa and Region, produced in co-operation with the Ottawa Tourist and Convention Bureau, a revised version of the National Capital Commission information booklet and a small brochure on "Camping Regulations in Gatineau Park". A 1963 National Capital Commission information map was published with English and French texts.

The National Film Board is preparing for release film strips in both English and French on the National Capital. Our version of each is being prepared specially for use in schools and will be made available to teachers throughout the country by the National Film Board.

Historical Work

The recording of old structures in photographs and the investigation of the history of old buildings has been continued. Additional early photographs and copies of early maps were obtained. Information sheets about old buildings threatened with demolition were circulated to interested bodies.

A general study of the timber and lumber industry in the Ottawa area was written, including a section based on the Philemon Wright papers. It is hoped that this may be published in 1964. An article on local history based on the Pinhey, Christie and Hill papers has been accepted for publication in a Canadian review.

The Maclaren's Mill at Wakefield, and the miller's house, have been partially restored in keeping with the style of the period. The verandah of the Nicholas Sparks house at 938-940 Riverside Drive was replaced with a correctly designed structure. The remains of the Thompson Mill at Richmond Landing have been protected against destruction by the elements. A programme of improvements to the façades of properties owned by the Commission on the east side of Sussex Street between George and St. Patrick Streets was begun in the late autumn.

Watson's Mill at Manotick has been restored and altered so that the public may view the machinery. An agreement between the Commission and the proprietor, which includes the payment of a grant, provides for the building to be open to the public for a small fee during the summer months. A grant-in-aid to the Historical Society of Ottawa has permitted the installation of a furnace in the Bytown Museum. A grant to the Mill of Kintail Arts and Pioneer Museum was continued.

Two historical plaques, one marking the location of the former industrial establishments at the Rideau Falls and the other the First Court House and Jail in the Capital were unveiled during the year. A further ten plaques are now being prepared.

The Section has continued to work closely with local historical societies, those of Ottawa, Carleton and West Russell, and the Gati-neau and has kept in touch with local historians.

**SUMMARY OF OFFICIAL REPORT RECEIVED FROM COMMANDING
OFFICER, "A" DIVISION, R.C.M.P.
ROYAL CANADIAN MOUNTED POLICE**

Operations of the Traffic Section on NCC property, April 1, 1963 to March 31, 1964.

Traffic patrols were maintained on NCC driveways and in Gati-neau Park as well as patrols on NCC property in the Ottawa area on the same basis as during the previous fiscal year.

As a result of infractions committed under the NCC Traffic and Property Regulations, there were 6,201 traffic violation tickets issued in 1963-64, compared to 6,056 in 1962-63. Motor Vehicle accidents totalled 170 in 1963-64 compared to 204 in 1962-63. Total amount of fines and costs paid into Ottawa District Courts as a result of convictions under the NCC Traffic and Property Regulations was \$17,565. in 1963-64 compared to \$23,682.80 in 1962-63. There were 105 persons injured in 1963-64 compared to 92 in 1962-63. There were 3 fatalities in 1963-64 while there was one fatality in 1962-63.

Because of the increasing popularity of NCC parks and parkways and the acquisition of new land by the Commission, more extensive patrols were required to supervise Gati-neau Park and other parks of the Commission, picnic areas, the Greenbelt and other NCC property.

Other duties performed for the NCC by the Traffic Section of the R.C.M.P. during the past year included assistance to other police forces and motorcycle escorts for Commission tours and investigations of damage to NCC property other than by motor vehicle accidents.

It will be noted there was an increase of 2.39 per cent in traffic violation tickets issued for traffic offences while there was a decrease of 16.67 per cent in motor vehicle accidents occurring on NCC drive-ways. The increase in traffic violation tickets and decrease in accidents reflects a healthy enforcement programme brought about through the constant application of selective enforcement and strict enforcement policies.

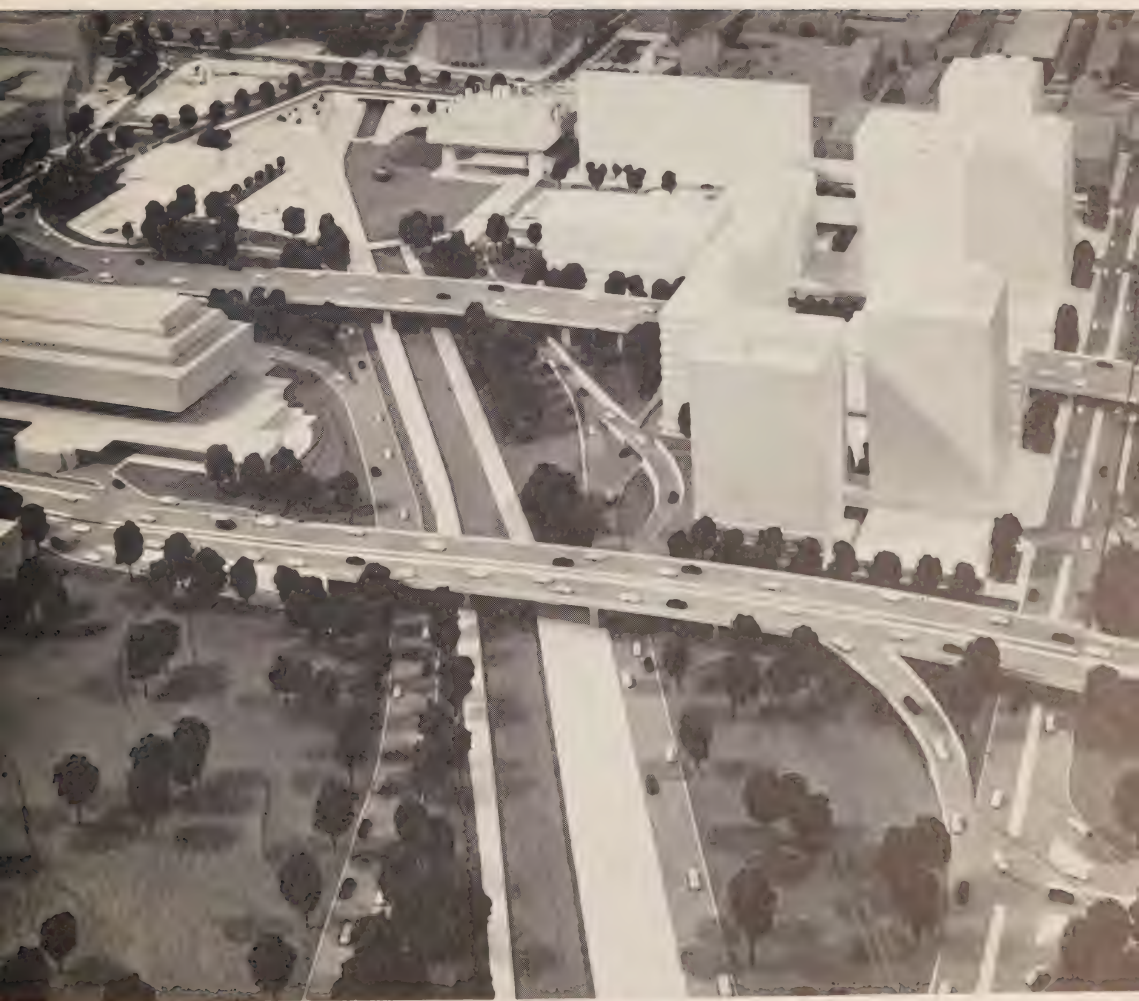
A concerted effort will be made to reduce the number of motor vehicle accidents occurring on NCC Driveway system during the present fiscal year.



Enjoying a picnic on Pinks Lake in Gatineau Park



The Ottawa River Parkway from Parkdale



The Centre of Ottawa tomorrow according to the NCC-Parkin plan



NCC Rockeries in Rockcliffe



Tulip time at the NCC Dows Lake beds in Ottawa



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